

News Release

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Corps analysis of proposed dredging open for comment

Walla Walla, **Wash**. – The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers invites comments on proposed dredging in the lower Snake and Clearwater rivers being planned for the 2003-2004 winter.

The Supplemental Environmental Analysis for Purposes of 2003-2004 Dredging (Lower Snake and Clearwater Rivers, Washington and Idaho) (SEA-03/04) was released on July 28. The SEA-03/04 is available on the Walla Walla District Web site at www.nww.usace.army.mil/dmmp/sea. This document addresses actions the Corps deems necessary to adequately maintain the lower Snake River navigation system and public use areas for the near term. The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency is a cooperating agency for this action. The National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS) plans to issue a Biological Opinion this summer for this proposed action. The Corps proposes to perform the dredging between December 15, 2003 and March 1, 2004.

Comments on the document should be provided no later than August 28, 2003 to the Walla Walla District, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers; Environmental Compliance Section, SEA-03/04 Dredging; 201 N. Third Avenue; Walla Walla, WA 99362-1876.

The State of Washington Department of Ecology will provide review of the Corps' dredging project for compliance with state and federal water pollution control laws. Any person desiring to present views on the project pertaining to compliance with water pollution control laws may do so by providing written comments no later than August 28, 2003 to the Federal Permit Coordination Team, Department of Ecology, P.O. Box 47600, Olympia, WA 98504-7600.

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